

E. M. Shreve



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My Dear sir

I recently received your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>, and I am very much obliged to you for the kind interest you take in my report. Herewith I send you the map of the Department of New Mexico. If you can give me any notes upon the Botany of that country, I shall be greatly indebted to you, as they will add very much to the value of my notes; I have said very little of the botany, and for the best of reasons, as I know very little about the subject.

On my route, after being separated from Col. Emory, I made many plants in the vicinity of Bent's Fort and Santa Fe, some of them were contained in the parcel that I left at your house. All the plants of the first collection, that you named, I arranged, according to the best of my ability, in a box which I gave to Col. Emory. I have therefore scarce any botanical notices.

no list at all with which to accompany my report.

If you could furnish me with any notes on the botany of the country from Bent's Fort to Santa Fe and the region included in the map I should be most happy to gain such an addition to the useful information which I hope my report will possess.

There is one plant in particular that I should like to mention. I showed it to you on your first visit to Mr. Stone's. I procured the specimens of it near "Bosquecito" on the banks of the "Rio del Norte". Ad. Engelm. obtained some of this plant also. He calls it the Kreuzste plant on account of its odor.

My notes are now being copied at the Topographical Bureau. I should be most happy to have you look over them.

But, if you will not be here before spring I am afraid that I cannot wait. I proof sheets are made you shall see them.

I went down to the city to see you, and was told that you had gone off,

as however they said you had ~~left~~ your baggage  
I gave my card to the Hotel keeper -

Remember me to my friends in Princeton, and  
believe me, with many assurances of the highest  
respect

Your obedient servant

J. W. Abert.

To Dr John Torrey.  
Princeton N. J.



For Dr John Torrey  
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